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**AN IMPROVED METHOD FOR THE PREPARATION OF MONTELUKAST ACID AND
SODIUM SALT THEREOF IN AMORPHOUS FORM**

the specification of which was filed on June 6, 2003 as PCT International Application Number PCT/IN2003/000214.

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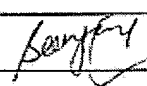
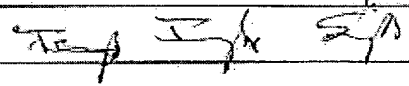
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